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GENERAL NEWS.

SNATCHES TO THE ORE

The First Installment
...'75—Dennis O Conn ...ott Pat ...e of Paris $10 500 Chicago ...hirst ...and-coercion fund

Bury the Charge
...whose names have been mentioned ...with the $35,000,000 insurance ...mpa ...are pretty unanimous in Hi-wumin ...lowrie.

Mexican Troubles.
...o, Texas Great disorders are re... Rio Grande Americans are being ... and no protection is assured Many ...ressed on the international and Mex... ...mission are returning to Texas Texas ...authorities have ordered rail... ...not to pay more than 75 cents per ... They have been paying one dollar ... left haciendas to work on the ... haciendas took measures to stop ... ...tructional bar reached the Rio Grande ... the last spike was driven a 12 o clock

Murdered
...Ark., Dec. 10.—One of the most ...known in this section was per... ...night a mile north of here ... old farmer, William Snipplis and ... suspected another one named Hans ... to be cranky committed the ... him his head severed from his body ... mutilated

An Officer Punished.
...Alexander H Hickey, late chief ... City, was to-day convicted at ... ...laughter for killing a man named ..., who attempted to escape from ... claimed that the shooting was ... prosecution maintained that the ... ...ooping and that the shooting was

Hanged.
...Gunnison special says ... ...ed, was to-day hanged for ... Smith in an interview he ... ...but claimed it was done in ... was almost instantaneous

Failure.
...M.—R. W. L. Rasin & Co exten... ...of Fertilizers, have made an as... ...estimated at $500,000 or up... ...known

Heavier New York.
...committee was organized to-night ... took part in the proceed... ...assembled on the spot and $1000

Reports Denied.
...Reports that reduction of ... limited or unlimited tickets ... Louisville railroad are de...

Tribute to Father Sheehy.
...Rome was crowded in every part ... occasion of a reception to Father ...

CONGRESSIONAL.

Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Mr. Davis presented the petition of ... and others, citizens of Illinois, praying ... ...ment of the Constitution ... ...ibiting polygamy and ... ...ibiting the ... ...ments ... ...

Mr. Davis introduced a bill ... ...ments ... ...

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Mr. Hoar

The Daily Oregonian.
SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 17, 1881.

BLAINE ON THE CANAL QUESTION

It was formerly thought that the most feasible route for a canal to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans was that through the state of Nicaragua. Many engineers are still of this opinion. Years ago the United States rather blindly undertook to protect her interests for the future by entering into an agreement with Great Britain for joint guarantee of the neutrality of the proposed Nicaraguan canal. The convention between the representatives of the two countries was concluded in April, 1850. Its result is known to history as the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. Recently the isthmus canal question has been presented in a new shape. Foreign capitalists have begun the construction of a canal at Darien. It is now seen that the interests of the United States cannot be protected by any guarantee of the neutrality of an isthmus canal in connection with other powers. The conditions have so far changed as to make it necessary that the United States shall assume and maintain relations of another sort towards any inter-oceanic canal. The reasons are forcibly stated in Secretary Blaine's letter to Minister Lowell, published to-day. Our government therefore seeks a modification of the terms of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. In plain words, it proposes to substitute its own guarantee of the neutrality of any inter-oceanic canal for that of joint guarantee with European powers.

Although the Clayton-Bulwer treaty referred specially to Nicaragua, yet its terms were extended to include "any means of communication by ship canal which may be constructed between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans"; and in a subsequent article the parties agreed to "extend their protection by treaty stipulations to any other practicable communications, whether by canal or railway, across the isthmus which connects North and South America, and especially to one inter-oceanic communications, whether by canal or railway, which are now proposed to be established by way of Tehuantepec or Panama." Deeming this treaty to be in conflict with the present and future interests of the United States, Secretary Blaine, under direction of the president, has addressed to Minister Lowell the letter now published. The latter will act in accordance with what was said on the subject by the president himself in his late message to congress.

Secretary Blaine urges with great force the paramount interest of the United States in any canal that may be constructed, and argues that the one conclusive mode of preserving such canal from possible destruction of war is to place it under control of the government most likely to be engaged in war and able to say even to enforce the guardianship which she will assume for self-protection.

By there is a guarantee as to the Darien canal which is prior to the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. That guarantee is between the United States and Colombia. Mr. Blaine, in a former letter to Mr. Lowell, showed that the United States, thirty-five years ago gave to the Colombians states a guarantee of neutrality for any inter-oceanic canal that might be opened across the territories of the latter. Hence any European guarantee would not only be superfluous but an "uncalled-for intrusion" into our field. Above all other considerations Mr. Blaine has pointed out that the most become one of the chief highways between our Atlantic and Pacific coasts; that it must be considered "substantially a part of our coast line;" and that the prodigious increase of our Pacific states in population and productivity makes it evident that the chief function of the Panama canal would very soon be to furnish a water-way for our own domestic trade. "It is states of California and Oregon," says Mr. Blaine, "and the territory of Washington larger in area than England and France, to produce for export more than a ton of wheat for each inhabitant, and the entire freights demanding water transportation eastward, already enormous, are augmenting each year with an accelerating ratio."

Hence, therefore, an agreement already exists between ourselves and the Colombian states Mr. Blaine argues that any action of European powers seeking to substitute their political guarantee for ours may fairly be considered unfriendly. The case would be somewhat analogous to our furnishing a guarantee of neutrality to Egypt—in case it had been asked, and we had the physical force to establish it—for the Suez canal. The most embarrassing point is that Colombia herself is not satisfied with the American guarantee, but seeks to substitute a European guarantee. Modification of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, thought Mr. Blaine, in a step towards securing for the Panama canal recognition on the whole subject which her interests demand.

The inquiry into the failure of the bank of Kentucky, which made so great a sensation a few months ago, exposes the true awfulness of the crime of the cashier in all its bearings. He was experienced in the villainy because he had practiced fearfully for operating with the funds of the bank without detection. In order to divert the directors he entered into a conspiracy with one brother, who was teller, and others in similar position in the bank to make false entries and write fraudulent balances. This system, cunningly inaugurated, the ambitious and reckless cashier used the funds of the bank to gamble in stocks in Wall street, as well as to assist in the creation of a monopoly of the Delaware leather manufacture. In order to hasten a vast fortune was to be made or ost upon a chance as hazardous as roulette. He played his luck again and again, and failed continuously, until caught in his own trap. He is now criminal for whom no sympathy can be felt. He was an experienced man of affairs; he had every reason to be honest and correct; in a neighborhood adjudicary imbecility and official dishonesty had been punished in an extraordinary if not a severe manner; he knew of scores of men who had speculated in Wall street and been brought to beggary, while only a trio had succeeded in "beating the market" after years of shrewd effort to become millionaires; he tested nothing to make life agreeable, and yet all these were cast aside to allow a most sordid thirst for gain to take complete possession of his personality. The evil was all-pervading and overwhelming, and when he fell there was no resource but to make a clean breast of everything and await the impending doom. Fortunately for the victims the directors of the bank are very wealthy men, and though the default is nearly $2,000,000, they are making the greater part of it good. A dispatch published a day or two ago stated that all sums of $200 and under are to be paid in full, and on all sums of more than $200, 75 per cent. will be paid.

Scoville, who is endeavoring to fill his pocket-book by lecturing on the Guiteau case, complains that the public have prejudged the trial, that there is no sympathy for the assassin, and no disposition to give consideration to the line of defense which has been adopted. Likewise he asserts that it is not the prisoner alone who is on trial, but the question of maintaining capital punishment is involved in the result; for should Guiteau be hanged and a post-mortem examination prove him to have been insane, this would be almost the last case of capital punishment. Here is reasoning worthy of Guiteau himself. The universal hatred of this assassin grows out of the certainty that he is not irresponsibly insane. It is well known that he is a crank of the most vicious kind, but he has convinced everybody that he is not a victim of insanity to a degree that should exempt him from punishment. Hence the general judgment is that if this infernal scoundrel be not hanged there is no occasion whatever to maintain the gallows. It might as well be abolished at once.

Probably the post-mortem examination will show an unhealthy or unnatural condition of the brain. That might be expected from his exhibitions of utter depravity. But society has the same right, for its own protection, to rid itself of these monsters as it has to hang those who are perfectly sane, and there is no danger of nations compunction or remorse as a result of the execution of this demoniacal villain.

There was great outcry when Gladstone outlawed the Irish land league, but there was no avoiding the fact unless the British government in Ireland was abdicated in favor of the league. Gladstone had caused a law to be enacted, against unexampled opposition, providing for fair rent, fixity of tenure, and the right of the tenant to his own improvements, and to buy the land, worth at least $500,000,000 to Ireland, and Parnell and the land league were able and determined, if not forcibly repressed, to prevent this law from going into operation. Hence the strong hand was laid upon them. What else was there to do? The event would seem to have fully justified Gladstone's act. The land court has reduced the rent quite one-fourth in every case yet before it, the people have readily availed themselves of the benefits of the law, and the probability is that the landlords and tenants will generally come to a compromise on this basis without the intervention of the court. This will leave Ireland with $60,000,000 to pay the landlords for the rents, but that can be endured, while the English and Scotch tenants proceed to wring the same terms from their landlords. The whole result is plainly one great step toward sweeping away the feudal system of land tenure in the British islands.

Noting the announcement that the Southern Pacific railroad is making preparations to carry wheat from California and Oregon to the Gulf of Mexico for shipment to Europe, a writer in the San Francisco *Bulletin* makes a comparison of rates by ship and rail from that city, basing it on calculations for the future. Wheat, he thinks, will ere long be carried from San Francisco to New Orleans or Galveston—2500 miles—for $4 38½ per ton, terminal charges $1 20, and thence by steamer to Liverpool for $5 38, making $10 96½ per ton in all. The estimated cost by sea from San Francisco is $23 87. The estimate by rail is probably too low, while that by ship is probably too high. But it is certain that the Southern Pacific railroad is going in earnest into the business.

Not one American iron steamship crosses the ocean from New York, while $780,000,000 worth of produce is roughly estimated as the amount annually exported from that city to England, of which $654,000,000 goes in steamers. A little over twenty years ago three-fourths of our trade was done by our own ships. During the year ending on the 30th of last June, the total value of goods moved in American vessels was $250,893,526; in foreign vessels, $1,268,942,035. These figures bear their own hard comment.

THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN, to appear to-morrow, will be a double sheet containing matter of great extent and variety, specially prepared for it. It will also contain full telegraphic reports. Readers may depend on finding it the most complete and interesting number yet issued.

MEETING NOTICES.

Ione O. E. St.—The regular meeting of Multnomah Lodge, No. 8, will be held at the wigwam on Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. By order of Tuesday as heretofore. JOHN BESSIE, Sachem.
R. L. Kenney, C. Recorder.
Portia 14, Dec. 9, 1881. dlm8Satfr

DIED.

In this city, Mrs. Emily Clark, at the residence of her son, James Hackney.
Funeral Sunday at 2:30 P. M., from 203 Main street. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

In this city, Dec. 16, at 10 P. M., of scarlet fever, Nellie, daughter of J. R. and Rose McDonald, aged 4 years 8 months and 16 days.
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100 Ice Skates 90 ... " 150
Holcom & Co's Polished Iron Paint Boxes 1 00 ... " 3 00
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THE MOST FASHIONABLE STOCK OF
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CONSISTING OF
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FINE PLATED WARE
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And continuing every day at 2 and 7 P. M.
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THE PROBABILITIES.

SPECIAL TO THE OREGONIAN.

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—Midnight—Indications for Oregon: For north Pacific coast region—Cloudy weather, with occasional rains.

CITY.

THE JACKSON CASE.—On the night of July 4th, on the east side of First street, between Madison and Jefferson street burned. Flames were discovered issuing from the furniture and commission store of [illegible] who had recently started in business, and [illegible] for $2000 and the loss was adjusted and paid to him. Three months afterwards T. B. Hall and Geo. W. Wiseman were arrested on charge of having set the fire. The Andrews' case has been on trial in the circuit court for the past two days. Yesterday the "state's evidence," the indictment against Hall was dismissed, and he was permitted to go. It is [illegible] he swore that Andrews, with the [illegible] partnership until April 29, [illegible] before the fire, that such an [illegible] took place, that business was [illegible] and failing for not taking $3000 insurance. Hall thought his stock was worth $4000 or $5000. The morning after the fire it was asserted that it broke out in a room next door. Policeman Hendrix testified that when the fire was first discovered the house was not burning. All the [illegible] and arguments on both sides were concluded. The case will be given to the jury to-day.

BOLD.—A gentleman well posted in the affairs of the Oregonian reporter relating of the proposed Salem [illegible] was absolutely necessary [illegible] of milling interests at Salem, to the three mills in that city [illegible] 1200 barrels of flour per day. [illegible] an annual supply of 1,800,000 bushels, is much larger than farmers [illegible] considerable portion of this [illegible] heretofore has come from the [illegible] county, now tapped by the [illegible] road, which will of course [illegible] Salem, to the millers from [illegible] than to Salem, and grain [illegible] not haul cereals farther [illegible]. River points above [illegible] of Salem a sufficient amount [illegible] the proposed road. Ten [illegible] in connection with the narrow [illegible] and equipment will be [illegible] under proper management, [illegible] with Salem's enough wheat [illegible] Waldo Hills for the purpose [illegible].

[illegible] these past persons have [illegible] Willamette between this city [illegible] stealing anything they can [illegible] house. About a week ago [illegible] about seventy pounds [illegible] Mr. Musgrave, owner [illegible] lost one hundred and [illegible] by the same persons. [illegible] shortfall. Pat, has [illegible] placed by different parties [illegible] is generally supposed an [illegible] the contemptible work.

[illegible] the four-year old daughter of Mr. [illegible] on the northeast corner of [illegible] burned herself severely [illegible] attempting to light a fire [illegible] pouring a piece of paper [illegible] and before the flames [illegible] burned about the left [illegible] was attacked, but for [illegible] the flame and suffered no [illegible] was [illegible] dangerous [illegible] caution the child to her [illegible].

[illegible] The announcement in [illegible] an entertainment would [illegible] church next Sunday [illegible] part, although the [illegible] this week that it read [illegible] Tribune. The reporter did [illegible] writing, as he [illegible] Methodists do not give en[illegible] on Sunday.

[illegible] afternoon Isaac Gratton, [illegible] alleged proprietor of a [illegible] was arrested, charged by [illegible] constable. It is not long [illegible] came next to "French's" [illegible] charge, and forfeited $50 [illegible] court. Gratton put up [illegible] bail.

[illegible] meeting last night, Fort [illegible] M. C., elected the following [illegible] W. Pratt; S. W., O. P. S. [illegible] Texas, A. Roberts; [illegible] Secretary, Whitehouse [illegible] Secretary, Installation [illegible] the 27th inst.

[illegible] To-night's meeting [illegible] A. Gray. Miss Sonora [illegible] to present last Saturday [illegible] Year." As usual [illegible] juvenile temperance [illegible] this afternoon, at the [illegible].

[illegible] reported in banking circles [illegible] San Francisco bank have [illegible] to this city at an early [illegible] in contemplation for [illegible] houses, and this gives [illegible] meaning the west side [illegible] through some misunderstanding [illegible] to the east of the track. [illegible] all persons being the [illegible].

[illegible] Mr. Kahler, is coining [illegible] counterfeiters. [illegible] Saturday, about eight [illegible] and was fined $100. [illegible] the man who issued [illegible] yesterday and is doing [illegible].

[illegible] appointed by the governor [illegible] examiner of deeds of that [illegible].

[illegible] Architect A. L., F. H. Williams [illegible] A. E. C., Architects; [illegible] Store.

THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN [illegible] 16.—Advertisements [illegible] this evening.

[illegible] chapel will be consecrated [illegible]-night. Don't miss [illegible] dressed dolls at low [illegible].

[illegible] before Justice Chadwick [illegible] assault and battery, found [illegible] of assault was sent to the [illegible].

NOTICES.

[illegible] sell jewelry at wholesale [illegible].

[illegible] eastern oysters—not [illegible].

[illegible] goods at New York Now [illegible].

[illegible] towns, smoking jackets [illegible] the holidays.

[illegible] and see what splendid [illegible] sale.

[illegible] OF DIAMONDS, [illegible] JEWELRY, ETC.

[illegible] notice that we have been [illegible] of late, we beg to inform [illegible] generally, that hereafter [illegible] goods in our line [illegible] our goods at such rates [illegible] We will positively sell [illegible].

[illegible] & GREENBERG, 149 First street.

[illegible] SALE.

[illegible] sale of holiday goods commences [illegible] o'clock. An immense stock [illegible] cost.

[illegible] Sunday dinner, fresh oysters [illegible] turkey with cranberry sauce, [illegible].

[illegible] & shabby last Sunday. [illegible] open till 11 o'clock to night.

[illegible] For elegant netting shirts [illegible] J. E. Pilger, 163 First st.

[illegible] to be sold at Gill's.

[illegible] oysters at the Oxford, Oak St.

[illegible] school at the pavilion.

[illegible] Piano, good as new, at 153 Third [illegible] once.

[illegible] goods now open at Shanahan's, [illegible] not fail to inspect.

[illegible] kneading, candies, nuts glass [illegible] Story, opp. postoffice.

[illegible] cooked, politely served, tidy [illegible] Oyster restaurant, 89 Second st.

[illegible] Books is a very desirable [illegible] stock, fuller and cheaper [illegible].

[illegible] how Uncle Myers is able to [illegible] solid gold watch for $20. Watch [illegible].

[illegible] place to buy your toys, stationery, albums, candies, etc., at [illegible].

[illegible] and Morrison streets, has [illegible] variety of imported lace goods, [illegible] suitable for Christmas presents. [illegible] stamping done.

[illegible] Taffy Candy.—Those wishing [illegible] in the way of cakes for [illegible] orders with the German [illegible]. They prepare fruit and [illegible] in the latest style [illegible] Boston bread, mince [illegible] Biscuits are specialties [illegible] number is 86.

[illegible] & FASHIONABLE [illegible] LOWEST PRICES.

[illegible] ined Garments a Specialty. [illegible] 3 Quality and GOOD FIT [illegible] guaranteed.

[illegible] GGISTS' [illegible] and Prescription [illegible] Sassware.

[illegible] E, Manufacturer's Agent [illegible] Portola St., Room 27, [illegible] N FRANCISCO.

[illegible] ING, INGROWING AND [illegible] CH NAILS [illegible] REMOVED AND CURED BY [illegible] KUSHMAN, [illegible] CHIROPODIST. [illegible] 16, 204 ½ First St. [illegible] their residence when requested. [illegible] ure—9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

[illegible] TERICK'S [illegible] —December Styles. [illegible] 102 and 104 Front st.

[illegible] & GLTMA [illegible] t, between Stark and Oak [illegible] Portland, Or., [illegible] TRERS AND DEALERS IN [illegible]

[illegible] ST [illegible] APPROPRIATE [illegible] DAY GIFT [illegible] one o' Towne's [illegible] HOTOGRAPHS, [illegible] Plain or Colored. [illegible] OUR ORDERS EARLY. [illegible] NCISCO GALLERY, [illegible] ST AND MORRISON. [illegible] ORTLAND, OR

The Daily Oregonian.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 17, 1881.

THE LITTLE BEGGAR'S BUTTONHOLE BOUQUET.

"Twas on a bitter winter's day,
I saw a strange, pathetic sight;
The streets were dreary, cold and gray,
The air with falling snow was white.

A little ragged beggar child
Went running through the cold and storm;
He looked as if he never smiled,
As if he never had been warm.

Sudden, he spied beneath his feet
A faded button-hole bouquet,
Trampled and wet with rain and sleet,
Withered and worthless, there it lay.

He bounded, seized it with delight,
Stood still and shook it free from snow,
Into his coat he pinned it tight—
His eyes lit up with sudden glow.

He sauntered on, all pleased and proud,
His face transformed in every line;
And lingered that the hurrying crowd
Might chance to see that he was fine.

The man who threw the flowers away
Never one-half such pleasure had,
The flowers' best work was done that day
In cheering up that beggar lad.

Ah me, too often we forget,
Happy in these good homes of ours,
How many in this world are yet
Glad even of the withered flowers!

—*H. H. in the Christmas St. Nicholas.*

HOW IT ENDED.

Miss Jane Beagle had lived years enough in this wicked world to know that even single blessedness is not always perfectly satisfactory to its possessor of her particular share of beauty; she had flirted with several admirers; but Jane went too far when she refused Billy Winkum because he was poor and unknown, for Billy had in him that stuff that makes a man rise in some place—opinions of his own, a loud voice, a feeling that he was as good as anybody else, if not a little better, and a talent for fourth of July orations. So that in these years which had changed his old lady-love from "that there handsome Jane Beagle" to "Miss Jane Beagle, that hasn't ever married," he had risen in the world and had been to congress, and was a person of such distinction that no one would have dared to call him Billy Winkum. Mr. William Warrington Winkum was his designation; a finer coat, more watch and chain, or a larger diamond in his cravat were owned by no one in Billberry.

He had never married, but that had made him all the more desirable to Billberry society. He had met Jane very often there; and now Jane would very willingly have proved to him that her decisive no of fifteen years ago had been repented of. Alas! either Mr. William Warrington Winkum no longer grieved over that no, or he regarded it as final.

"And yet he hasn't married," said Miss Jane; "and he don't flirt round amongst the young girls, nor pay attention to widows, I have not a gray hair. He is five years older than I am, any way. Suppose he should like me still?"

However, concealment did not seem to prey like a worm in the bud on Mr. William Warrington Winkum's damask cheek. He shouted on the platform at a section with unimpaired lung power, and he built himself a house on the hill wherein he installed a housekeeper, his remarkable old grandmother, who had outlived fourteen children, and at ninety walked rode, talked and eat with an energy not often met in a woman of forty.

Oh, that house with its bright bricks, its new shutters, its elaborate roof, its stately chimneys, its balcony and front porch, and its carpets of Wilton carpets, real lace curtains and velvet parlor furniture! How often Jane Beagle said to herself,

"And this might have been mine if I had said yes to Billy. She said it to herself very often one day, about housecleaning time, when she was doing her best with the shabby old house that was all her own now. One after another had slipped out of it—some were married, some were dead—nobody remained.

"I don't think I can stand it much longer," sighed Jane. "I must take boarders or something. Nobody to speak to all day long. If I feel sick, nobody to do for me."

Jane was down in the kitchen floor scrubbing as she spoke. The rag carpet was hanging on the line outside. The rush-bottom chairs, well scrubbed, were turned upon the grass to dry, every pan shown beautifully, but the wood was worn, not make the walls flawless.

"I sigh-ho!" sighed Jane; "I like a handsome house, but I shan't ever have one of my own."

She said it aloud—a habit of talking to herself had grown upon her—but to her surprise she was answered on the instant.

"Why, who knows!" said a voice. "You may have the handsomest house in the village yet. Who knows? Don't you want me to tell you now?"

"Good gracious!" said Jane, jumping to her feet; "who is that?"

"It's only me, ma'am," replied a stout, lark woman, with a big straw hat trimmed with poppies on her ears, who sat on the door-sill and smiled at her merrily. "It's only a poor gypsy wandering over the world telling folks' fortunes for them. Will you have yours told, lady?"

"Mine?" said Jane, laughing. "Why, I am an old—"

"You are young enough to have lots ahead of you, lady," said the gypsy. "Come, what's twenty-five cents to hear all your good luck? Besides, luck is misused sometimes if we are not on the lookout for it."

What woman does not believe in her inmost heart that there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamed of in philosophy?

What single woman doubts that somewhere upon earth fate keeps the other half of her soul?

"It would be awfully foolish," said she; "but nobody will ever know, and I think I'll do it."

She felt in her pocket for some change. It was not there. She had given it, she remembered, to the man that had mended the washboiler that morning. And she went to the drawer of the little book-case with a sliding desk in it, which stood in the sitting-room, to get it. The gypsy followed her, chuffing, laughing, hinting at things which brought blushes to Jane's cheek. She peeped into the drawer. There lay the silver spoons and forks, the sugar tongs, a brooch set with pearls, Jane's only costly bit of jewelry, and a roll of bills. Miss Beagle drew her little income once a quarter, and kept it in the house in fear of the savings bank, which had once ceased payment for a while.

The bright eyes, set close together in the gypsy's head, saw all at a glance; and her smile was very bright as Miss Jane put the twenty-five cents into her hand.

"I have taken a notion to you," she said, looking at the palm of the beautiful if not youthful hand that lay in hers. "There's luck after you. There's one that is liked, not far off, eh?"

Jane blushed again.

"He'll give you a handsome house, and set you up in a carriage," added the gypsy. "Now you up, lady, your heart is toward him is it not?"

"He does not care whether it is or not," sighed Jane, unaware that she had spoken.

"Lady," said the gypsy, solemnly, "I have a great power. I can bring together the disunited. I can cure love troubles. Do as I tell you and he shall come to you again."

"What am I to do?" asked Jane, carried away by her own emotions and the gypsy's dramatic manner.

"I'll tell you, lady," said the gypsy. "Kneel down here beside this chair. Let me cover your face with this handkerchief. Don't be afraid, it's clean; it is a magic handkerchief. Now think of him. Think of him you love and don't move until I tell you."

People in love are generally a little mad, I am afraid, and Jane had been hopelessly pressuring the image of Mr. Warrington Winkum in her heart for years. She did what the gypsy bade her.

The next moment she felt the handkerchief tied tightly over her eyes, and next her hands were tied also with a stout cord.

She screamed, but some one was tying her feet together.

"It's no use, lady," said the gypsy's voice, blandly. "I've got the key of the drawer, and I shan't hurt you. I'll just help myself and go."

The spoons jingled. Miss Jane could not account but she knew that the contents of the drawer were being transferred to the gypsy's pocket, and she screamed and struggled vainly.

About an hour after the gypsy had left, Mr. William Warrington Winkum drove past Jane's house in a buggy. He was fond of lilacs and stopped to gather a bunch that hung over the fence from a full bush. In old times Jane had pulled lilacs for him from the bush. As he put them to his nose, a scream met his ear.

"Something is the matter," he said, and without stopping to tie his horse, he ran into the garden and up the path to the house.

The kitchen was empty, the scrubbing brush on the floor, the pail upset. Another scream was done that as she departed. Another scream was heard. William rushed into the inner room and found Jane with her head tied up in a hand kerchief, and her feet and hands bound.

In a moment he had her untied. The next she sat in her chair. "Such a sight!" she said to herself; but Mr. William Warrington Winkum noticed that she had nice plump arms under her tucked-up sleeves, and that her big frightened eyes were blue indeed. Happily, she had not shed a tear.

"I've been tied here for I don't know, how long, Mr. Winkum," she said. "Oh, how thankful I am you came by! I have been robbed of everything I have—my silver, my money, my jewelry. What I shall do I don't know."

"Unprotected women," said Mr. Winkum, seriously, "ought not to reside in any house alone."

"Sometimes," said Jane, "they can't well help it."

It was so singular, in that old calico, with such shoes and no back braid—for that was hanging over her breast glass up stairs—Miss Jane could never have believed it, but there and there William Warrington Winkum changed suddenly into only an older Billy Winkum, and said without any oratorical flourish or a big word:

"Jane, you don't need to live alone. I've always liked you, and I sorter think, arter all, you've always liked me. Have me, won't you?"

"Not even my back braid on!" thought Jane Beagle, afterward. But all she said was: "Oh! Billy, I was such a goose fifteen years ago."

"I'm glad Billy has sense to marry a settled old maid," said grandma Winkum at the wedding. "Gals is so hity-tity, and widders is so kinder overrulin' and misc'tin'. Old maids is kinder thankful an' willin' to please."

But Jane was too happy to be offended by anything any woman could say.

A BOTTLE OF WHISKY.

How it Precipitated the Battle of Ball's Bluff.

FACTS RELATED BY GEN. ROSECRANS.

Details of the Death of the Gallant Col. Baker —A Series of Blunders.

[San Francisco Chronicle.]

While the San Francisco debris committee was making their tour of investigation last October the writer of this accompanied them through the mountain part of their trip. While at Grass Valley, in conversing with Gen. Rosecrans about the battle of Ball's Bluff and the death of Colonel Baker, he says: "It is a fact a bottle of whisky was the real cause of Col. Baker's death." As General Rosecrans' narration differs materially from any account heretofore published, I have deemed it of sufficient interest to give it to the public.

About thirty miles above Washington on the Virginia side is the town of Leesburg, which at the commencement of the rebellion contained about two thousand inhabitants. The rebels were in force at this place, and at other points along the western bank of the Potomac. The union troops were scattered and in differ. ent encampments along the eastern bank of the Maryland side. A few miles above Leesburg is Harrison's island, a narrow piece of land nearly five miles long, the river dividing and part running on either side of it. At the upper end of this island is Conrad's ferry, and about six miles below is Edwards' ferry. Opposite this island on the Virginia side is Ball's Bluff. Back of this bluff and in the timber some of the confederate troops were encamped. It is no known just how many of the rebel army were in this camp at the time of the battle, but their number was greater than those of the union forces engaged. Col. Devens was in command at Harrison's island with several companies of Massachusetts volunteers. Col. Baker was encamped a few miles in the rear of Conrad's ferry, with the California battalion, —680 men; Baxter's Fire Zouaves, 900; Owens' Pennsylvania regiment, 700; Morehead's Pennsylvania regiment, 500; and Harrison's cavalry, 140 men, in all 2920. It having been determined to move on the enemy, Gen. Stone being in command of part of what was known as Banks' division on the eastern shore, nearly opposite Leesburg, received orders to make a demonstration on Gen. Lee's lines, opposite his position, over the Potomac on Goose creek; to favor the crossing of the Pennsylvania reserves, under Gen. McCall, to strike the enemy's left. He at the same time was ordered to make a demonstration in favor of McCall when he deemed it necessary. Colonel Devens, in command at Harrison's island, was ordered to send a few troops across the river to reconnoiter and to hold the remainder in readiness to cross at a moment's notice.

A COUNTERMANDED ORDER.

For some reason the order for McCall's crossing was countermanded, but Gen. Stone had received no notice of it, and continued grouping his forces at Edward's ferry, at the lower end of the island. The small force which had crossed from Col. Devens' command at the upper ferry advanced to near Leesburg just in the dusk of the evening of the 20th. In their reconnoiter they thought they had discovered a rebel camp of thirty tents, but were deceived, as they mistook openings in the timber for tents. However, they returned to Gen. Stone's camp and told him the story of the supposed thirty tents, and the general at once resolved to take this rebel camp by a dashing assault. It was now late in the evening, but he ordered Colonel Devens to at once cross the river, attack and destroy the rebel camp on the bluff. Colonel Baker was crossed from his tent at 2 o'clock in the morning by an order from General Stone to have his California battalion at the ferry at sunrise, and to prepare the remainder to follow after an early breakfast. He had the Californians on the march in less than two hours, and at 6 o'clock the remainder of the brigade followed. It was about three miles' march to the ferry, which Colonel Baker reached just at the break of day. When he arrived there he found Col. Devens still ferrying his men across, and had been at it since 2 o'clock. After he had crossed all his men Col. Devens stationed about one hundred to guard the ferry, and with the balance advanced to find the enemy. General Stone had given orders that Col. Baker should cross his forces at once if he heard firing, and advance to the assistance of Col. Devens.

THE DEATH OF COLONEL BAKER.

The only way there was to cross was by one old ferry boat which would carry no more than forty men at a trip and required more than half an hour to cross and return. At about 11 o'clock rapid firing was heard in the direction Col. Devens had taken. It was soon at once that the troops could not be crossed by this ferry in time to be of service; at the same time they were impatient and eager to meet the enemy. Just above the ferry, in the canal, they found two old boats, or scows, which they at once brought to the river and put in position. when the crossing went on more rapidly. By this means Col. Baker crossed about 1700 of his men and advanced to the second stream, where the same trouble awaited him, there being but one ferry-boat to cross in there. However, the crossing was continued as rapidly as possible; but it was placing them in a terrible position, for if they should meet with defeat there was no means of retreat except this one small ferry, and before they could recross they would be doomed to slaughter. As soon as Col. Baker had got two companies over the stream he took them, and advanced to the assistance of Col. Devens, who he found with a few companies of the fifteenth and twentieth Massachusetts regiments on an open plain, with timber just beyond, which was filled with the enemy, who were dealing death blows to our men from every tree. The union troops were greatly outnumbered, but there was no alternative for them but to fight, which they did in the most desperate manner. Col. Baker took the lead in command, and at the head of the ranks encouraged the men by his bravery, and the fight soon became general. For the purpose of driving the rebels from their position in the timber a charge was ordered, and with fixed bayonets our men advanced, driving back the first lines of the enemy. But they soon rallied and charged on our lines with great force, and the conflict soon became a hand to-hand struggle. While thus engaged a tall, red-haired rebel advanced suddenly from the smoke to within a few feet of Colonel Baker, and with a self-cocking revolver fired five or six balls into his body, at the same time a musket ball struck him back of the ear and he fell dead almost at the feet of his slayer.

A SERIES OF BLUNDERS.

Capt. Leirel, who was near Colonel Baker when he fell, sprang forward, and with pistol in hand, placed it to the rebel's head and laid him dead by the side of the heroic warrior.

Seeing they were greatly outnumbered and no hope of victory, with their leader dead, the brave little band of union heroes began to fall back, but fought brave y, contesting every inch of ground as they retreated, carrying off the body of their brave leader. Many were killed and others drowned in their endeavor to recross the stream, and thus, through an error, another disaster to the union forces was caused, and a deep gloom again settled over the loyal north. It appears there was more than one blunder committed in this movement on the part of the union forces, for it was clearly an oversight in not notifying Gen. Stone of the countermanding the order for the crossing of Gen. McCall's forces, for if he had known it he would have proceeded very differently in the reconnoiter and subsequent orders. Then the action of the advance sent out to make the reconnoiter in not fully informing themselves as to the supposed thirty tents of rebel encampment was most stupid, and caused a hasty firing of a few forces, with no support on the side. However, the disaster would not have occurred then had there not have been a neglect of orders on the rebel side also. It appears that Gen. Lee was informed of the order given for Gen. McCall to cross and attack his forces and he accordingly ordered General Evans' brigade, which was on his extreme left, at Goose creek, to withdraw and change his position. Jen. Evans was a man who, at times, drank liquor too excess, and on the morning of the receip of his orders to change his position had received a bottle of whisky, of which he drank to much for the good of our cause; as it was, under the stimulus of the whisky he resolved to have a fight before he left. Accordingly he postponed compliance with his orders and marched from his position and attacked our little band of union heroes as above stated. In this conflict thus rashly brought on, that good man, statesman, patriot, and soldier, Colonel Baker, fell the untimely victim of Evans' bottle of whisky.

THE BIGGEST SCHEME YET.

A Million of Acres in the Yellowstone Valley to be Devoted to Charitable Purposes. A Good time coming for Orphans.

[New York Herald, Nov. 23.]

An elderly gentleman, short of breath but long of information, walked into the city department of the *Herald* office yesterday. He was interested in a benevolent work, and having gained the ear of a reporter, he began at the same time to unfold his projects and a large bundle of papers that he lugged in under one arm. Despite the importance of the subject, space will only permit us to give the leading lines of this gigantic scheme in comparison with which civil service reform and the Panama canal are but commonplace enterprises. It is intended to benefit a certain people of every description, and be a colossal monument to the charity of the American people. At the next session of congress he will ask for a grant of 1,000,000 acres of land, and then mortgage it back to the government as security of a loan for $1,500,000. This is an infringement of the Jay Gould method, but he says that no member of congress will dare to vote against a bill with such a benevolent purpose behind it. A commission will be formed of one member from each state, who will select the land wherever they please—probably in the Yellowstone valley. It is to be laid in the form of a square, and every one in the middle or four corners—it will be erected a water tower 200 feet high. Sixteen squares, containing 10,000 acres of land each, will be mapped out around this tower, the four central squares to be reserved by the commission for a park. Sheep will be pastured in one quarter of the park, cows in another, deer in the third, and buffaloes in the fourth. The remaining twelve squares will be given away to those agreeing to erect institutions upon them of a benevolent or educational order.

GOOD MEN'S MEMORIES.

Gen. Grant is to have the call for one of these squares to devote to any charitable purpose he sees fit, and in the same way plots are reserved for Peter Cooper and George W. Childs. One square of 10,000 acres is to be made the home of all the orphans in the country—"your orphans, my orphans and everybody else's orphans," as the philanthropist said. They are to study four days in the week, and pay for their living the other days by "watching cows and sheep and picking apples and potatoes." Ten thousand orphans to begin with, and every year after the institution is once in full blast. They are to have every advantage of a first-class education, and even a theater will be established for their especial benefaction, wherein all the actors are to be recruited from the services of course. There are yet left twelve squares to be filled. Whoever takes one of them on the terms described will have his name carved on a marble slab in a huge memorial hall, to be erected on some prominent spot on the reservation. This philanthropist shrewdly air ained that this would be a sufficient inducement for many a rich man in the country to invest. Outside the sixteen squares will be laid out a stone road 100 feet wide for the use of all people traveling west. This is to avoid coil sions and confusion. Still further out will be a road 300 feet wide, reaching clear around the square, with three steel tracks laid down for the use of all the railroads converging upon this point. Vehicles of every description are to be made of the same gauge, and will also use these tracks, so that there will be no unnecessary noise. No vehicles will be allowed inside the sixteen squares, but instead there will be an elevated carriage in every direction, and taking people wherever they want to go, for nothing. The promotor has very appropriately put this down in his chart as the "Labyrinth railroad." The ground between the roads first described is to be filled in with trees and flowers—"and won't it be beautiful!" he asked. Beyond the road with the steel rails will be nothing but farms of 200 acres each, filling up the rest of the reservation. any man may take one of these and keep it for five years for nothing; then if he does not choose to lease it at a fair rate from the commission the commission will pay him for his improvements, and he may go to Ballyhack or any other place he likes better.

EXTRAORDINARY ADVANTAGES.

Every family in the community will be supplied with gas and water free. There will be one lawyer, one doctor and one architect engaged, but they will be utterly shorn of their time-honored prerogative of charging anybody for anything. To sum up the philanthropist said: "There will be room or a couple of cities on the reservation, and one of them will be named after me. Then we will have a river handy, and establish a port of entry. One man asked me where the money would come from, as it was necessary at all arranged in advance. He was one of those chaps who listen to you for five minutes and then know more about your plan than you do who have studied it five years. That's New York! Why see here. We got $1,000,000 from the government to begin with. Then twenty states will give $50,000 apiece as a return for taking their orphans and blind people and cripples off their hands. That makes $1,000,000 more. Twenty of the richer sister states will give $100,000 apiece, which gives us $3,000,000. The legislatures will vote the money, and they can take ten years to do it in if they want to, and ten years more to pay it. (The philanthropist had evidently had experience with legislatures.) We will make up $5,000,000 more by voluntary contribution. We won't take less than $1000, and whoever gives that amount will have his name on one of the marble slabs in Memorial hall. I calculate there will be at least ten big fellows who will want to give $100,000 each. Just think of it. Those names will be read by a grateful posterity 10,000 years from now. With $7500 we can get along until our rents begin to come in at the end of five years. After that our yearly income will be $10,000,000 at the lowest calculation. Make that clear in your paper, won't you? And if you or the *Herald* want any favors out there you can get 'em. Understand? The *Graphic* is going to print a map of the whole thing. It will take up a page, and the first edition will be 100,000 copies. Think of that!" The reporter, whose head was swimming already, begged to be excused from thinking of it any longer just then, and the elderly gentleman folded up his prospectus and departed, promising to give these facts to no other morning journal.

The Gettysburg Council of War.

An important contribution to the materials for the future history of the war has recently been made, by the discovery among the papers of the late Gen. Meade, of the original minutes of the council of war held after the second day's fighting at Gettysburg. It will be remembered that those days were bloody but indecisive, and that the generals met in council in much doubt as to the final result. Otherwise the minutes explain themselves. The triumphant result of the third day's fighting justified the judgment of the council. The original copy of the minutes has been deposited among the archives of the war department:

QUESTIONS ASKED:

First—Under existing circumstances is it advisable for the army to remain in its present position, or to retire to another nearer its base of supplies?

Second—If it be determined to remain in present position, shall the army attack or wait the attack of the enemy?

Third—If we wait attack, how long?

REPLIES:

Gibbon—First—Correct position of army, but would not retreat. Second—In no condition to attack in his opinion. Third—Until he moves.

Williams—First—Stay. Second—Wait attack. Third—One day.

Birney—Same as Gen. Williams.

Sykes—Same as Gen. Williams.

Newton—First—Correct position of the army, but would not retreat. Second—By all means not attack. Third—If we wait it will give them a chance to cut our line.

Howard—First—Remain. Second—Wait attack until 12 M. to-morrow. Third—If don't attack, attack them.

Hancock—First—Rectify position without moving so as to give up field. Second—Not attack unless our communications are cut. Third—Can't wait long; can't be idle.

Sedgwick—First—Remain. Second—Wait attack. Third—At least one day.

Slocum—Stay and fight it out.

ADDENDA.

Newton thinks it a bad position. Hancock puzzled about practicability of retiring thinks of holding on. Prefers to mass forces and attack. Howard in favor of not retiring. Birney don't think 12th corps used up and not in good condition to fight.

Sedgwick—

Effective strength about 9000 12,500; 9000; 6000; 3500; 8000; 7000. Total, 55,000.

In Gen Meade's handwriting:

INDORSEMENT

Minutes of council held Thursday P. M., July 2.

D. B. Butterfield.]

Illegible.

THE "STALWART" IDEA.

Candid Admission of the Responsibility for President Garfield's Murder.

[Washington Dispatch to New York Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—A remarkable communication was telegraphed from this city some time ago to the Boston *Herald* and was published by that journal over its correspondent's own initials. It would have attracted little attention here perhaps but for the fact that it was reproduced in the *National Republican* a day or two later. This has made it a subject of general comment.

The communication in question arraigns the dead President for his conduct toward Messrs. Conkling and Platt, justifies the course pursued by those gentlemen in resigning, and practically asserts that President Garfield was assassinated because he appointed Mr. Blaine to be secretary of state, charging that the offer inspired and procured Robertson's appointment as collector of the port of New York. Indeed, the writer declares in so many words that, "with safer and wiser counsels (than Mr. Blaine's) President Garfield would have been alive and in the Executive Mansion to-day."

It is a subject of general comment among members of congress that a responsible Washington correspondent should have written such a letter, and that the Boston *Herald* should have printed it; but it is still more surprising that a paper which aspires to be understood as speaking for President Arthur's administration should gleefully copy an article which distinctly attributes Garfield's murder to his action in connection with the New York appointments. It is generally supposed that above all things this was the impression which every friend of the present administration desired to eradicate. Mr. Scoville is trying to procure Guiteau's acquittal on the ground that he was insane. The Washington correspondent of the *Herald* and Gorham would apparently take the shoe or cut of justifiable homicide, because Mr. Garfield dared to appoint Mr. Blaine secretary of state and Mr. Robertson collector of the port of New York.

This also agrees with Guiteau's statement that he shot the president because he saw that he and Blaine were close friends and that Blaine appeared to have great influence with him.

FEEBLE LADIES.

Those languid, tiresome sensations, causing you to feel scarcely able to be on your feet; that constant drain that is taking from your system all its elasticity; driving the bloom from your cheeks, that continuous strain upon your vital forces, rendering you irritable and fretful, can easily be removed by the use of that marvelous remedy, Hop Bitters. Irregularities and obstructions of your system are relieved at once, while the special cause of periodical pain is permanently removed. Will you heed this? —*Cincinnati Saturday Night.*

DR. BLISS' STORY.

Review of President Garfield's Case. The President's Intense Suffering and Heroic Fortitude.

The next number of the *Century Magazine* will contain an exhaustive article by Dr. Bliss, the chief physician in charge, concerning the case of President Garfield. The article, as has been stated in the preliminary notices sent to the press, a straightforward and lucid review from the time of the firing of the fatal shot to the moment of the completion of the post mortem. Dr. Bliss introduces his statement by an appropriate reference to the character of Gen. Garfield and a review of the early boyhood associations he knew in himself and Garfield.

He then speaks in the highest terms of commendation of the heartfulness of the patient, and those who attended him. The president expressed his determination to live for others if possible. When the president was informed that a surgical operation was necessary because of the formation of a superficial pus-sac, and that the use of the knife was necessary, he replied, in a cheerful tone, "Very well. Whatever you say is necessary must be done." This is one of the most painful incidents mentioned in Bliss' statement. It is written as follows:

"When the physicians entered the room I handed the visitors to one of the counsel with a request that he make an incision without an unnecessary shock, and a manner or manner other contraction by the effort. The incision was made. He quickly asked the result of the operation and soon sank into a peaceful slumber. The operation, though simple in itself, was painful, and the manner in which it was borne by the patient in his enfeebled condition were perhaps, the most remarkable instance of the wonderful nervous control which characterized his whole illness. The power found over body was also daily exhibited at the dressings of the wound, which were unavoidably painful, and yet invariably borne without an intimation of the ordeal, and also all subsequent operations. Nearly all the nutriment received by the president during his illness was administered by the physicians, but up to within an hour of his death he almost invariably took the glass in his hand and drank from it without assistance. He took pride in his ability to do this. We watched every bad action which gave hope of a possible assimilation without tugging. He did not draw a breath which was not heard by those incomparable nurses. When the stomach failed resort was had to other means of administering food, which were repeated at proper intervals of four or five days at several periods of his illness. We saw him slipping from our hands through inanition. We saw sectional and local sense interest injury which no mortal could have dared explore. We sought every available means of supplying the waste known to modern physiological science. Why we could not finally succeed is shown by the autopsy. Invariably all this was intelligently diligently discussed each condition with me. He often spoke with feeling of the wonderful aids which science could and did give a sufferer in his condition, saying he thanked God for relief there was called artificial methods of nourishment have given me. We should be thankful that science has so advanced that we can avail ourselves of it in this crisis."

Dr. Bliss then details Garfield's expression of appreciation of the generous contributions made toward the fund for the benefit of his wife and family in case of his demise. He follows with a detailed description of the scenes in the sick room, each of which is especially illustrative of the extraordinarily happy and appreciative nature of the patient. He mentions, among others, his pleasant desire for games of cards, etc., in accordance with his habitual family associations.

THE NEWS OF CONKLING'S DEFEAT.

Garfield's words when informed of the result at Albany of Conkling's defeat will pass into history as the expression of a great man. They were in effect a regret for Conkling and a pledge to do for him, if occasion ever might desire or make any appointment he might ask. In the description of the scenes attendant upon the removal from Washington to Elberon, and the plaintive appeal to be conveyed in his old home at Mentor, Dr. Bliss has inclosed a most touching picture of the sanctities of the case. There is nothing new in what he says, outs de of the following paragraph, which is illustrative of the resources of the Pennsylvania railroad an i the completeness of the arrangements for the president's comfort in any possible emergency.

Dr. Bliss says: "The arrangements were so perfect that at any place on the route the president could have been immediately removed to a private dwelling. The rate of speed varied from twenty to seventy miles per hour, and when it was the greatest, I asked the president if the motion was uncomfortable. He smiled and said, 'Let them go,' evidently meaning to quiet any anxiety. I might feel, and to assure me that his vital force was still unimpaired." Special attention was paid to Mrs. Garfield's devoted attention to her husband upon their arrival at Elberon. There was anxiety on the part of all connected with the case, but their fears were stirred by evidences of improvement for the first few days.

KNEW THAT THE END WAS AT HAND.

It is evident that the president appreciated the gravity of the case, as is shown by the following interview, which occurred upon the return of Dr Bliss from a few hours' absence in New York, which in thus has ribed: "Upon my return, the president held out his hand and attempted to be jocular. I said, 'Mr. President, I have been away for a few hours, as you know, but they seemed like an age.' He answered:

"'Doctor, you plainly show the effect of all this care an unrest, and I am glad you were forced to take this temporary relief. Your anxious watchings will soon be over.'"

Dr. Bliss continues:

"The history of the next four days was that of anxious apprehension. All the symptoms pointed to a profound disturbance, which at any time might cause a fatal result. The disposition to converse was not so marked, the mind wandering being easily and instantly recalled, or touch of the hand, the occurrence of occasional rigors, sometimes severe, indicating the inevitable end. I think that then and probably long before, the president fully believed he could not survive. He was perfectly calm, sentient and even inclined to be humorous. There was still an under-current of conviction which all our optimism could not stem."

Dr. Bliss mentions that the president even wrote his own epitaph, and announced that his career was ended.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC ADVANCE.

Pushing through Montana—The Great Bridge over the Missouri—Only a Small Gap to be Filled after next Year's Work.

[Helena (Montana) Herald, Dec. 1.]

The dispatch of last evening announcing that the rails on the Northern Pacific would be laid into Miles City by Tuesday of next week, November 29, though expected in a general way, is much more satisfactory to our readers in Montana than all the rest of the news that comes over the wires. For nearly a whole year Helena has been under construction within the limits of Montana on the east. Perhaps some of our people have expected more rapid progress; perhaps they have thought that being in the territory we should experience some influence of its presence even at this distance. The fact is that Montana is a vast country compared with some of the eastern states. For instance, the whole of Rhode Island, with all its wealth, population and business, might be planted in some corner of our territory and the fact remain unknown in other portions of it for months afterwards. Some thousands of people have entered Montana from the east this past season, and yet the footings not been noticeable in the older settled portions. Only now is the track approaching a place known to settlement before the advent of the railroad. The two currents of settlement have met and the terminus is inside the limits of a settled and organized county. With Miles City we have telegraphic and stage connections. The road is open, plain and safe by the Yellowstone valley from any part of the territory to to the end of the track, and any traveler, afoot or on horseback can make the safe journey alone, and can find stations for meals and lodging at convenient intervals. Already the Northern Pacific has been proved this season to be the shortest, cheapest and best route for shipping live stock to the eastern markets. We have many people here next season in all parts of the territory who have come in by that route, but even at the end of another twelve-month we shall not get our eastern freights by the Northern Pacific. We have two other old established routes smaller in comparison.

Another fact that has operated disadvantageously to the advance from the east is the unbridged Missouri. After two years' labor upon the approaches and piers there is now a single span yet completed. The cost of this bridge is estimated to be as much as the building of 220 miles of road from Bismarck to Glendive. Compared with it the other cost of the abutment, the Mullan pass tunnel will be a slight construction. Once begun, the tunnel can be pushed in winter as well as in summer, and night as well as day. From present appearances, the tunnel and Helena are going to be about in the center of the 170-mile gap that will remain to be finished after the end of next season's work. There may be unexpected difficulties encountered in crossing Prickly-Pear valley from the west, but if not, it looks as if, with the force at work, the track might be brought this way to the mouth of the Little Black-foot and our people allowed the luxury of Oregon apples and cider for another Thanksgiving.

It will not be an unmixed evil that Helena should be the last to receive the cars in her city limits. The interval is going to be one of an great activity and perhaps as remarkable activity as any that will come afterwards. Immense sums of money will be expended within the next two years all around us, some of which will quicken to every vein and pulse of our business life. It is now a grand advance along the whole line from both directions. Should the winter before us prove an open one there will be no cessation of work. We therefore pray earnestly for a mild, open winter. It is not uncommon often to witness illustrations of the old proverb, "It is darkest just before dawn." May it be now the case in higher prices for everything than in the past ten years. Every one seems to regard it as about the last chance to dictate prices and are using the power oppressively.

The lot only in the principal matter of the railroad is that the season has brought on a great advance, but a new telegraph line has reached Butte that promises to give us offer news reports with fewer interruptions, and the use of shorter continuance. These items certainly ought to have been included among our special causes of thanksgiving.

Drunks.

[From the Chicago Tribune, Rep.]

What is to be done with these social nuisances is a question which the police courts have to solve. Their phases are not easily themselves. Some of them little Guiteau deserve hanging, others deserve to go to the insane asylums—if they are insane. The rest ought to be set apart by some solitary confinement. In fact are the means to do it, but they should be created, and a new offense might be added to the catalogue of penal offenses against society—that of "drunk and disorderly." The law punishes tramps, vagrants, lunatics and paupers of all kinds, why not the drunks, who are the worst of all, because they are essentially? If wholesome discipline was expected to their case for days, let it be imposed in their later. There would be fewer inquests and other expenses if it were. It would be a kindness to them, between justice and retribution, life would be more endurable for themselves, and society would be rid of a most loathsome and dangerous class. Something ought to be done, and that something speedily, or we shall soon have Guiteaus in every city, town and village.

Mark Twain's Advice to Scribblers.

Here are some words of sarcastic advice from Mark Twain which are often put into an editor's head by matters not wholly connected with the contents of his letter box. Don't write too plainly; it's a sign of plebeian origin. Scrawl your article with your crow-shot and make every word as illegible as you can. Avoid all painstaking with proper names. We know the full name of every man, woman and child in the United States, and the merest hint at the name is sufficient. For instance, if you write a character somewhat like a drunken figure and then draw a wave line, we know at once that you mean "Samuel Morrison," even though you think you may mean "Lemuel Messenger." * * * How we do love to get hold of articles written in this style! And how we should like to get hold of the man that sends it enough ten minutes—along—in the woods, with a revolver in our hip pocket!

THE NORTH WEST.

Eastern Oregon.

Union precincts have great difficulty in getting their freight from Umatilla.

The amount of grain threshed the past season in Walla Walla valley, aggregates 4,500,000 bushels. The acreage will be double next year.

The infant child of Ed. Ashby of Union, died while on the way home from the house of a neighbor who in the parents had been visiting. The little one had not been sick before starting.

Western Oregon.

A $75,000 school house is soon to be built at Turner.

There are at present 306 students at the State University, an increase of 27 in attendance at the public school at Eugene City.

The Oswego grist mill run on Saturday, Dec. 10, 1881, and elected a full set of officers with Mr. Frank Ford as manager and R. B. Wilcox secretary. Installation exercises will take place on the 24th inst. Good commercial, from 6 to 8c lower; dog on entery, 2c@1c lower. Silver bullion, 100; time 9 to 60 days, specified 122½. U. S. Bonds—3's, 100½; 4's, 114½; 4½, 113½.

London, Dec. 15.—Silver bullion, English standard, 52s 6d per fine ounce, 4½ per cent.

New York Stock Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Silver bars, 112½; money 4@6; governments, steady and unchanged; stocks, active but weak; Western Union, 85½; Quicksilver, 14½; Pacific, 43½; Mariposa, 3; Wells Fargo & Co., 136; N. Y. C., 133¾; Erie, 46; Pittsburg, 136; Union Pacific, 11 5-8; bonds, 117½; C. P., 94½; bonds, 114; Butte, 1¾.

NEW YORK FREIGHTS AND MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Although most of the shipments via Cape Horn have been made for the season there is still a considerable quantity of freight yet to go forward, it having been delayed in delivery by unusual fall rates and it is probable that the close of the year will witness a fair degree of activity. The St. John cleared to-day and will finish to-morrow. Rates are again firmer at last quotations. Tonnage is still scarce and there are very few vessels in view. How ever both lines are provided for for the next 60 days and they are not likely to suffer for ships.

Railroad freights are less active than for a long time past although the volume of shipments is still quite large. The movement of the past week includes: 137 pkgs, 685 kegs herring; 50 boxes soap; 25 bags pimento, 50 cases sardines, 120 cases canned goods, 60 sacks nails, 100 boxes pepper sauce, 25 bags coffee, 50 lbs starch, 12 bills dried fish.

Market remain quiet.

Wheat—Dull and lower under unfavorable news from the liverside.

Barley—More active, No. 1 Canada $1 09.

Provisions—Lifeless.

Rio Coffee—Quiet but prices firm.

Refined sugars—Good demand at full prices.

Hides—Unchanged.

Tarpentine—Good demand and higher.

Petroleum—Dull.

The Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 16.—The leading grain circulars say: The wheat trade is very quiet nearly spoiled. Markets inactive without particular change. Corn goes off close and for arrival are now demand easier on spot since Tuesday. Wheat transactions have been quiet, total at Monday's sales. Corn dull and slower. There was an average attendance to-day on the quiet market. Wheat in fair consumptive demand at about last rates. California and Oregon grades of flour are now in smaller compass with hardening tendency; other kinds are steadier. Corn has receded slightly, owing to liberal supplies and indifferent request.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 16.—Breadstuffs quiet and only steady for corn, which is dull.

Wheat—10s 10d@11s 3d per cental for California club.

Receipts of wheat past 3 days—84,000 centals, including 64,000 American.

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—A better feeling prevails in wool with increased demand and prospects of a better and more active market. Sales of the week have been 2,350,000 pounds of all kinds. California fall is dull with small sales at 18@19c, and a lot of 46,000 pounds of northern spring, California at 26c.

Philadelphia Wool Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Wool steady with improved demand for fine and medium. Oregon fine, 29@30½; medium, 32@33; coarse, 26@27½; fine Mexican and Colorado fine, 23@26c; medium, 26@28c.

Chicago Wheat Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Wheat—weak, $1 26¾ cash; 1 29¾ January.

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